

Notice of Allowability

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1 and 3 are allowable over the cited prior art.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 1, the cited prior art Marko et al disclose a satellite digital radio broadcast receiver (fig. 6-A; fig. 6-B) having an IC (235') including a first reception series (227', 212', 235' for terrestrial processing path 231') for performing a reception processing of a satellite wave signal from a satellite and an IC (237') including a second reception series (229', 214', 237' for satellite processing path 233') for performing a reception processing of a ground wave signal from a repeater (18) (col 5, lines 15-17; col 4, lines 28-32) in order to receive both the satellite wave signal and the ground wave signal having the same broadcast contents and different modulation methods, the satellite digital radio broadcast receiver comprising: automatic gain control means (128'; fig. 6A) for amplifying a signal from a single antenna (110') at a variable gain amplifier (122'), and in accordance with a level of a signal outputted from the variable gain amplifier (122'), for controlling a gain of the variable gain amplifier to control the level of the signal outputted from the variable gain amplifier (122') (col 5, lines 53-64); and a two-way distributor (225') for distributing an output (output from @) of the automatic gain control means (128') to two distribution outputs (227', 212', 235' for terrestrial processing path 231', and 229', 214', 237' for satellite processing path 233'), wherein one of the two distribution outputs (231') from the two-way distributor (225') is supplied

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to said first integrated circuit (235') as an input signal to the first reception series (231'), and the other of the two distribution outputs from the two-way distributor is supplied to the second integrated circuit (237') as an input signal to the second reception series (233') (col 5, line 65 – col 6, line 41); wherein the two-way distributor (225') operate to distribute an input at a distribution ratio according to a gain of the first reception series and a gain of the second reception series (distribute the gain to amp 227' with of first reception series and amp 229' of second reception series).

The admitted prior art disclose the first and second reception series are in one IC (1C) (fig. 3).

Loper (US 5,179,730) discloses one direct conversion receiver having the same total gain on each channel that has been split (col 6, lines 8-13).

Ichihara (US 2001/0,022,821) discloses a splitted in phase and quadrature component of the same receiver being compared and gain controlled based upon the comparison (para. 33).

However, the cited prior art fail to disclose or suggest the satellite digital radio broadcast receiver having a total gain through the first reception series being different from a total gain through the second reception series, and the two-way distributor which operates to distribute an input at a distribution ratio according to the difference between the total gain through the first reception series and the total gain through the second reception series.

Regarding claim 3, it is dependent on claim 1 and is therefore also allowable.


Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lana N. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-7891. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-18:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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